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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, LE  
SUBJECT: ARAB AID FOR LEBANON

1. DURING CALL ON KUWAITI AMBASSADOR AL-BUAYJAN  
MARCH 9, I ASKED HIM ABOUT KUWAITI INTENTIONS REGARDING  
AID TO LEBANON. HE SAID KUWAITIS WERE GOING TO HELP,  
BUT THEY WERE GOING TO GIVE LOANS, NOT GRANTS. THEY  
FURTHERMORE WANTED LOANS TO BE SUPERVISED BY AN  
ARAB COORDINATING BOARD WHICH WOULD SEE TO IT THAT  
THEY WERE APPROPRIATELY USED AND THAT RATIONAL  
PRIORITIES WERE OBSERVED. HE EXPECTED THAT THERE  
WOULD BE FURTHER NEWS ON THE SUBJECT IN ABOUT A  
MONTH. (PRESUMABLY AFTER MEETING WE UNDERSTAND  
IS SCHEDULED FOR MAR 21 IN RIYADH.)

2. BUAYJAN SAID KUWAITI VIEW SHAPED BY FACT  
LEBANESE HAD DESTROYED THEIR OWN COUNTRY, AND  
NOT SUFFERING GOD-SENT DISASTER. THEY WERE  
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FURTHERMORE CONCERNED THAT ANY AID THEY GAVE  
NOT BE USED BY LEBANESE POLITICIANS TO LINE THEIR  
OWN POCKETS, AS HAD HAPPENED SO OFTEN IN THE PAST.  
THEY WERE NOT THEREFORE GOING TO COME FORWARD  
WITH THE LARGE SUMS OF CASH LEBANESE HAD EXPECTED,  
RATHER, THEY WERE GOING TO BE CAREFUL AND STRICT.

3. WE NOTE REPORT IN TDFIDB 314/00420-77 (SECRET NOFORN) THAT KUWAITI PRIMIN SAYS KUWAITIS AWAITING POLITICAL NORMALIZATION IN LEBANON BEFORE CONTRIBUTING TO ASSISTANCE SCHEMES. IBRD MISSION GAVE US SIMILAR EVALUATION, I.E. THAT ARAB HESITATION ON LENDING OR GIVING MONEY HERE DICTATED MORE BY UNCERTAINTIES ABOUT POLITICAL SITUATION THAN LACK OF PROJECTS TO FINANCE. WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW WHETHER THIS IS ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF KUWAITI AND SAUDI ATTITUDES, OR WHETHER BUAYJAN IS REFLECTING THEM MORE ACCURATELY, I.E. IS HESITATION DUE TO POLITICAL DOUBTS, OR DOUBTS ABOUT PROPER UTILIZATION, OR BOTH?

4. IF KUWAITIS AND SAUDIS ARE INDEED WAITING FOR POLITICAL NORMALIZATION, WE ARE IN FOR A LONG WAIT. THIS COUNTRY IS NOT GOING TO BE "POLITICALLY NORMAL" FOR YEARS. MAJOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ITS FUTURE POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION MUST FIRST BE RESOLVED. AND THE HATREDS AND VENDETTAS ENGENDERED OR EXACERBATED BY THE RECENT SLAUGHTER ARE GOING TO BE A LONG TIME ABATING. GOOD OLD DAYS WE ALL KNEW IN PAST ARE NOT RETURNING ANYTIME SOON, IF EVER.  
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